GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:349
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
VIGILANCE CELL
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigilance Cells in various Government/Semi Government offices are not functioning effectively;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to review the functioning of these Vigilance Cells;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) : A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.349 FOR ANSWER ON DECEMBER 13, 2000.

(a),(b),(c) & (d) :

The vigilance cells in various Government Departments/public sector undertakings/semi-government offices of Government of India exist under the control of the Chief Vigilance Officers appointed with the prior approval of the Central Vigilance Commission and operate on a decentralised basis. The primary responsibility to ensure probity,integrity and efficiency in his organisation vests in the Secretary of the Ministry or Head of the Department/respective Organisation. According to the existing procedure, if the allegations contained in a complaint prima-facie indicate that a criminal offence has been committed, the complaint is referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI)or local police for investigation. In other cases where the allegations relate to misconduct pertaining to departmental irregularity or negligence and if the alleged facts are capable of verification or inquiry within the Department/Office, such investigations are done by the concerned Chief Vigilance Officer. These arrangements are working effectively.

The Central Vigilance Commissioner, in terms of the powers of `superintendence over vigilance administration` conferred on him by the Government of India, Department of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Resolution, published in the Gazette of India(Extraordinary), dated April 4, 1999, reviews the performance of the Chief Vigilance Officers periodically, and issues suitable instructions with particular emphasis inter-alia on the expeditious disposal of cases, identification of sensitive areas, periodical rotation of staff particularly in sensitive posts, study of systems and procedures prevailing in the organisations in order to plug loop-holes leading to corruption,etc. The Commission has issued a number of instructions on various aspects of vigilance administration.